

Dwarf elephant ear

Alocasia gageana

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This description is for *Dwarf elephant ear (Alocasia gageana)*:

A dwarf variety of 'elephant ear', but at 1.5m high it is still the size of a baby elephant.

Despite the name Dwarf elephant ear, alocasia gageana is still a large plant. It grows to around a metre and a half in height, with large leaves, around 50cm across. The leaves are a similar shape to an elephant's ear; they are bright green, with a crinkled edge and deep veins. It likes fertile soil with good drainage, either neutral or acidic. It will cope with some frost but isn't really suited to colder climates. It likes a sunny position but will still grow in the shade. This plant needs to be kept well watered. It will grow well in a container.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Perennials
Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	Hardiness zone Z8-11	Grown for Ornamental Foliage

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Height [m] 0.6 - 1	Heat zone H10-11	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs For every season
Spread [m] 0.6 - 1	Winter temperatures [°C] -12 - 4	Garden type Containers
Dominant flower colour Green	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Garden spaces Specimen Borders
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Soil type sandy loams	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Partial shade	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Foliage in winter Green		
Propagation methods seed division rhizome cuttings		
Growth habit Clump-forming		